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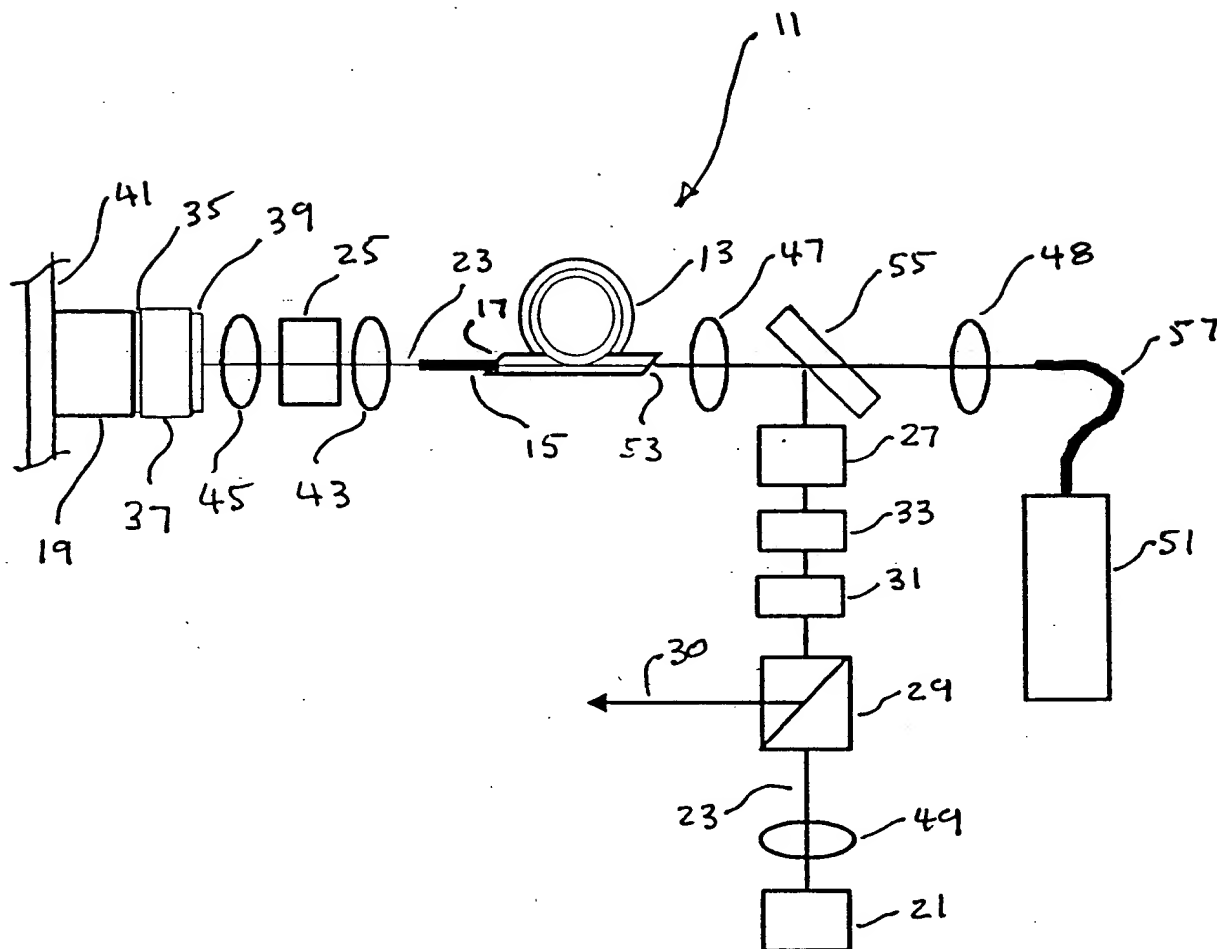


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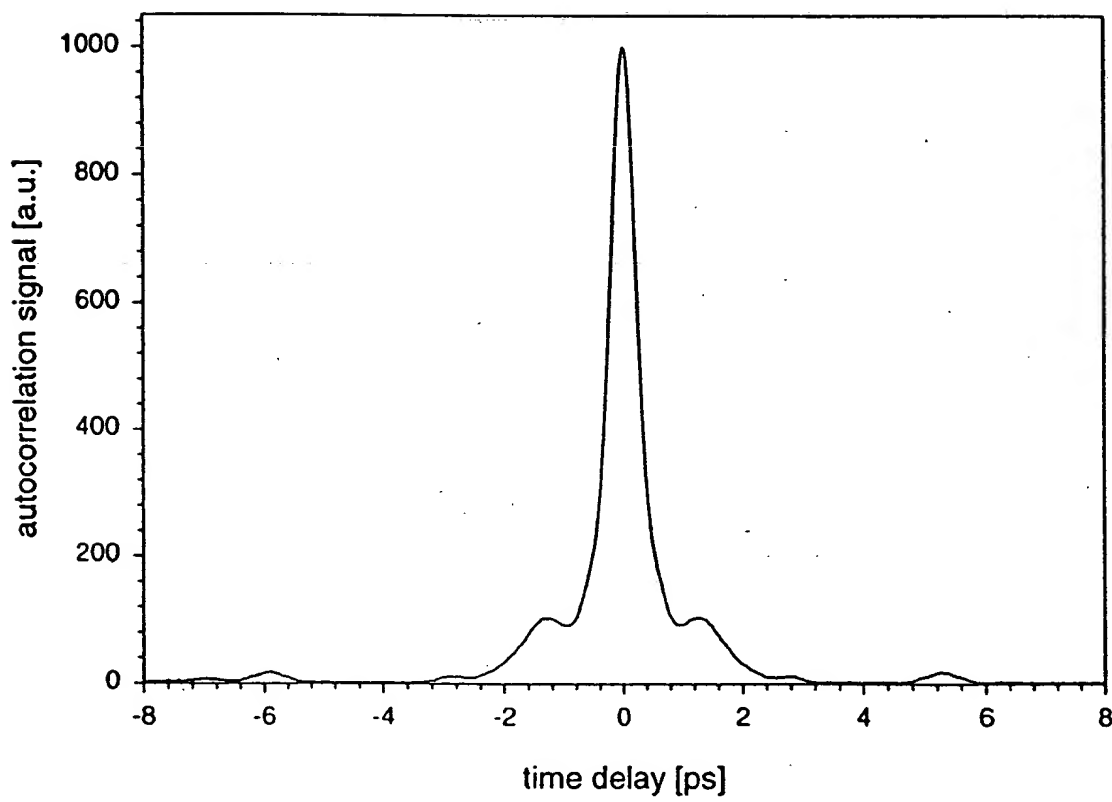


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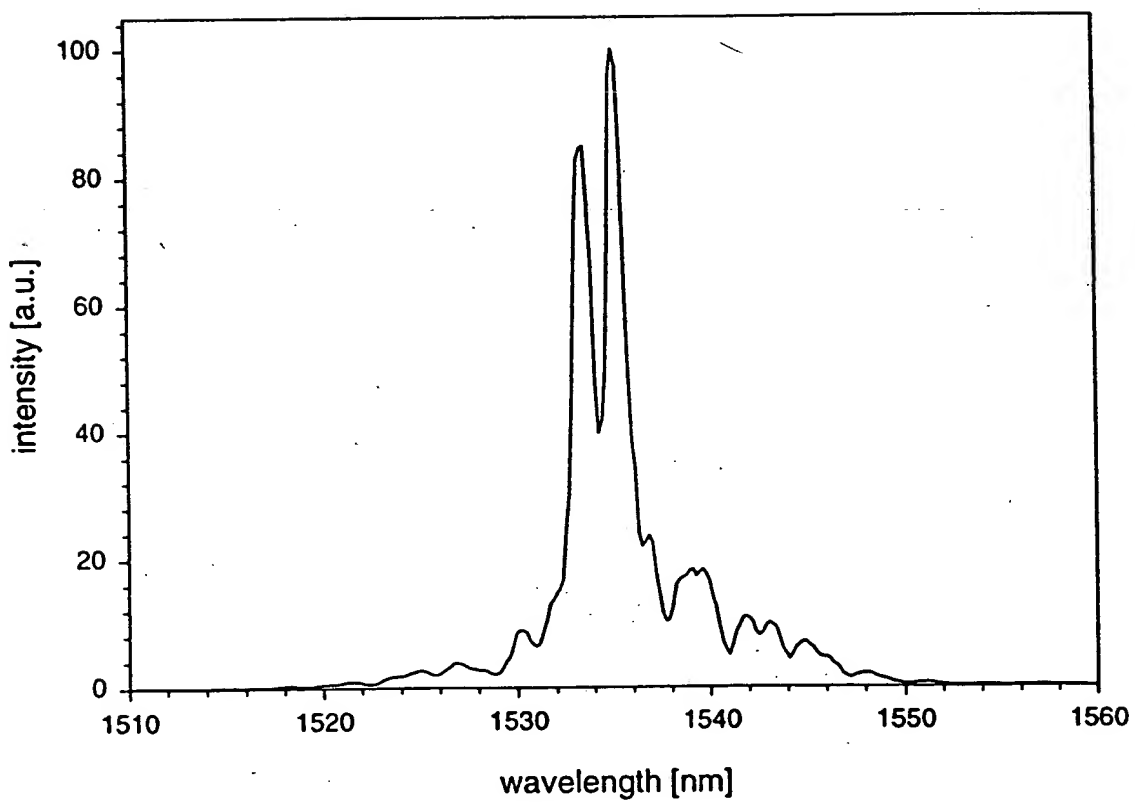


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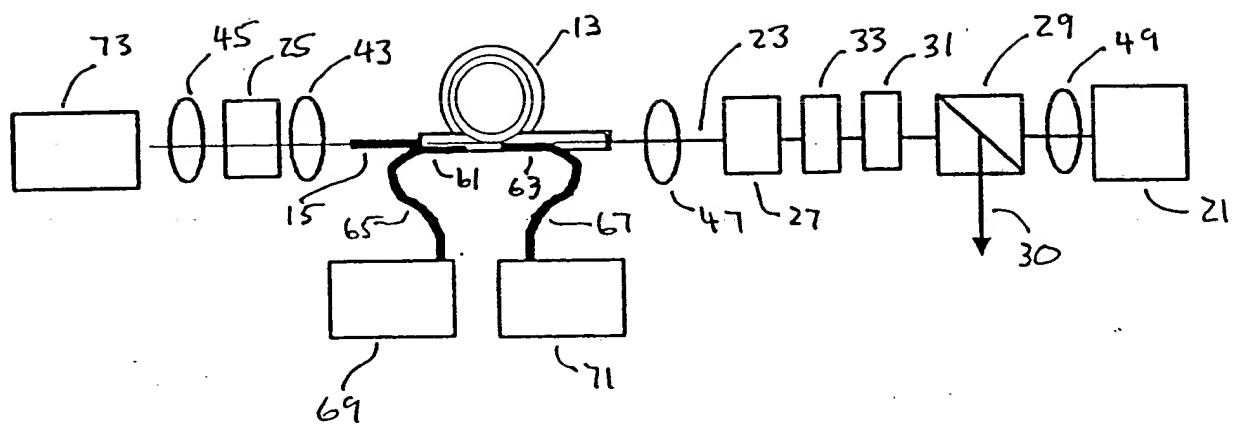


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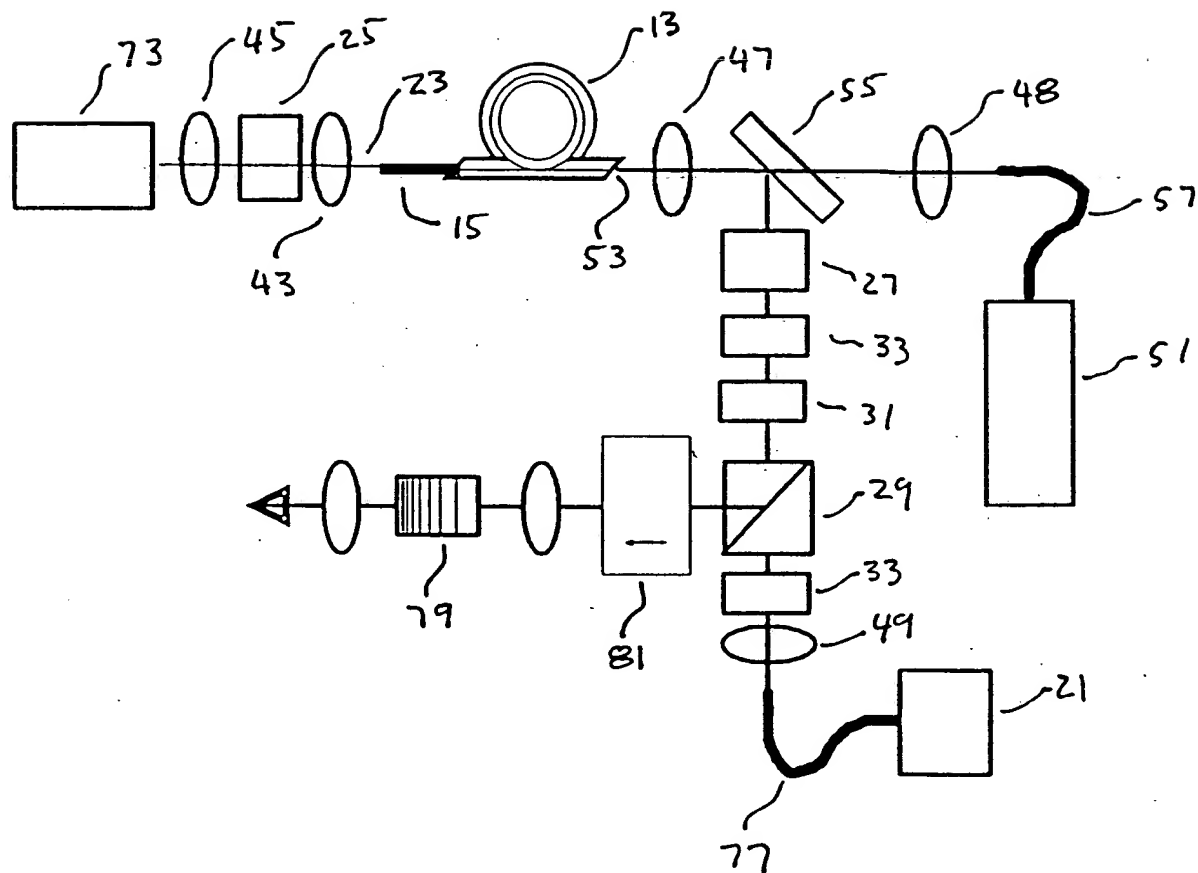


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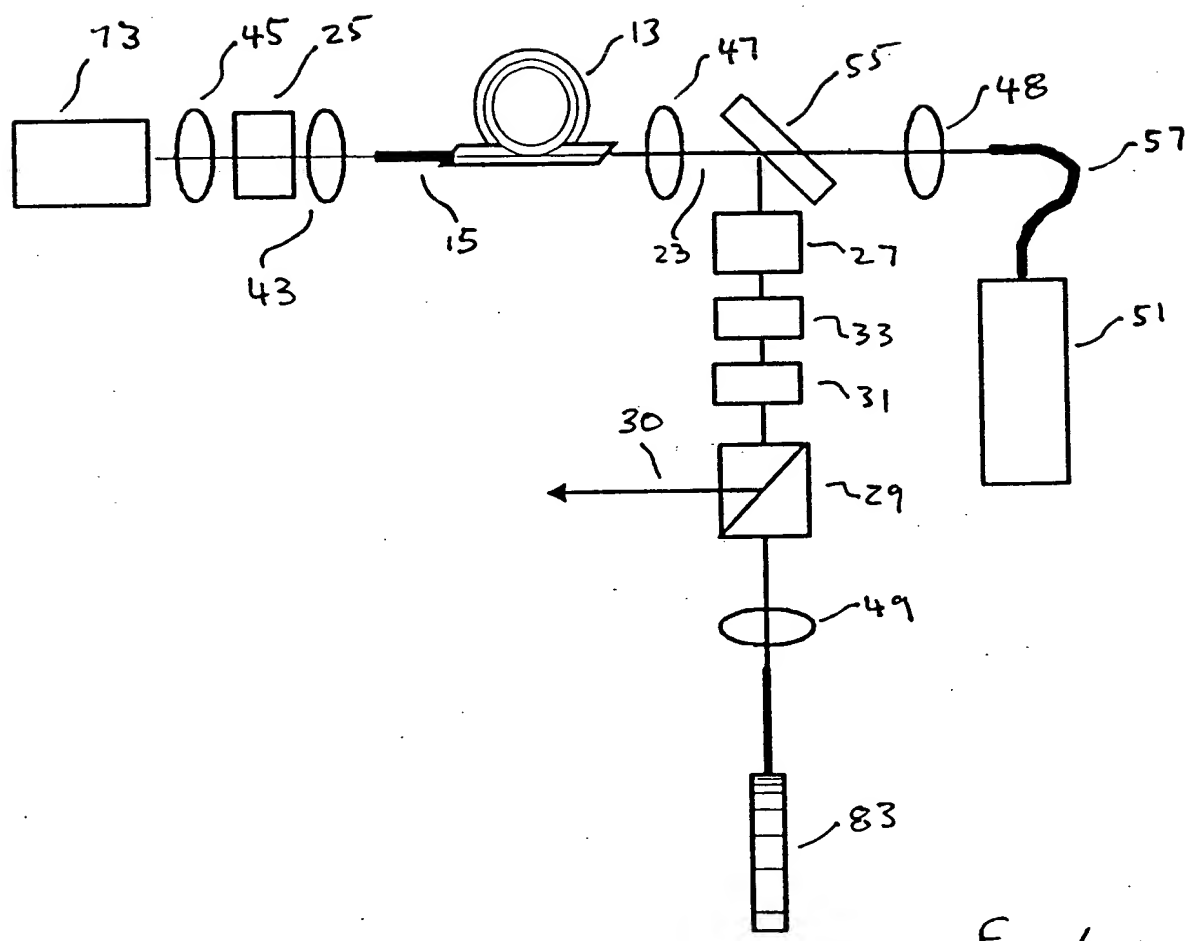


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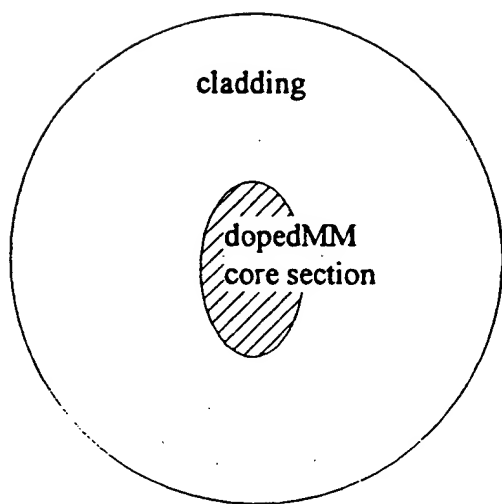


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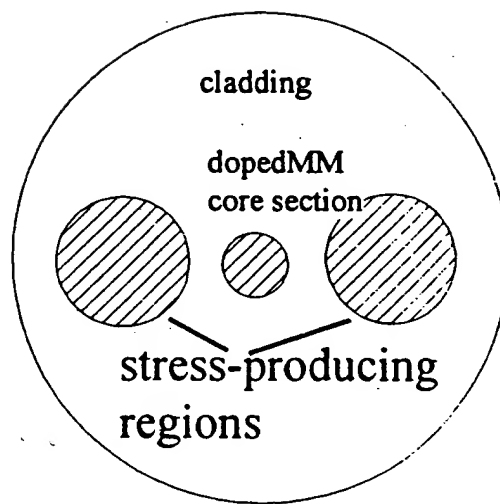


Fig. 7b

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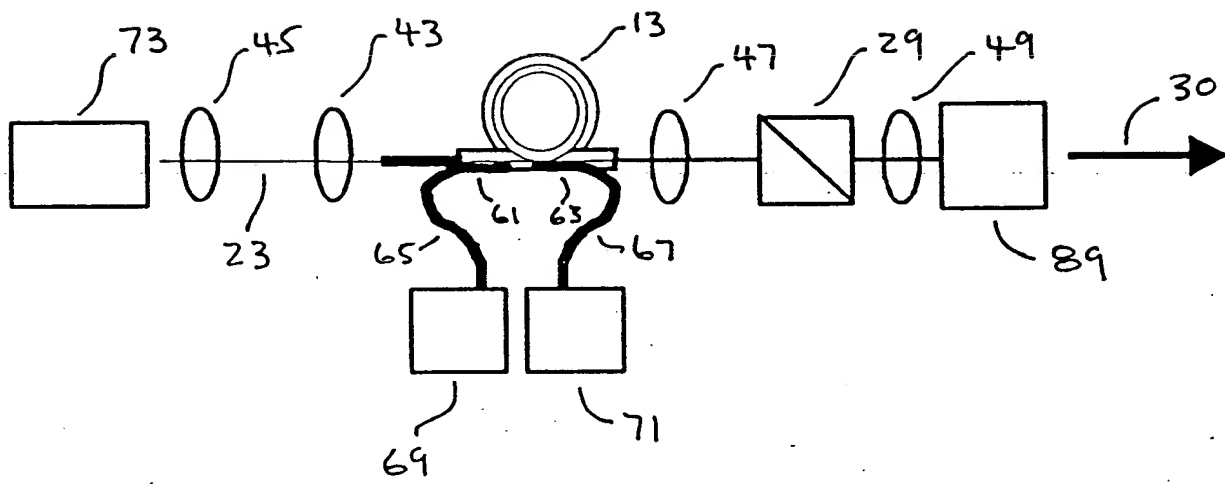
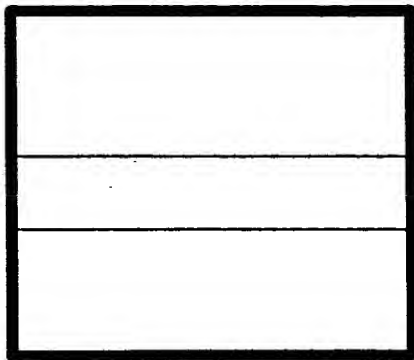


Fig. 8

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Free-space coupling

MM fiber



SM fiber

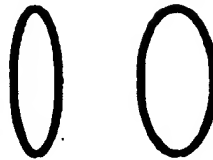
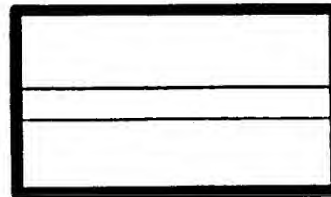
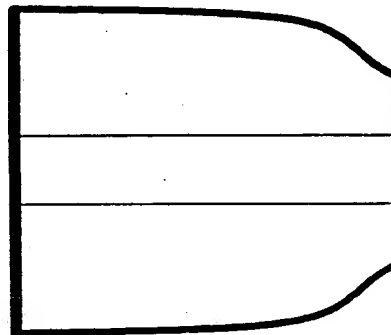


Fig. 9a

Spliced fibers

MM fiber



SM fiber

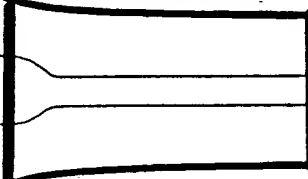
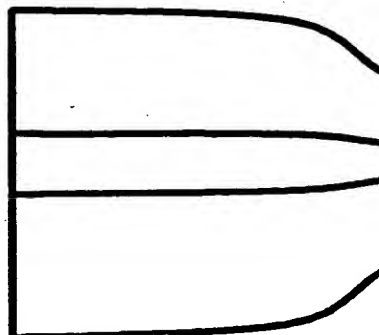


Fig. 9b

MM to SM taper

MM fiber



SM fiber

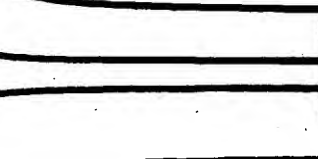


Fig. 9c

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FIG. 10

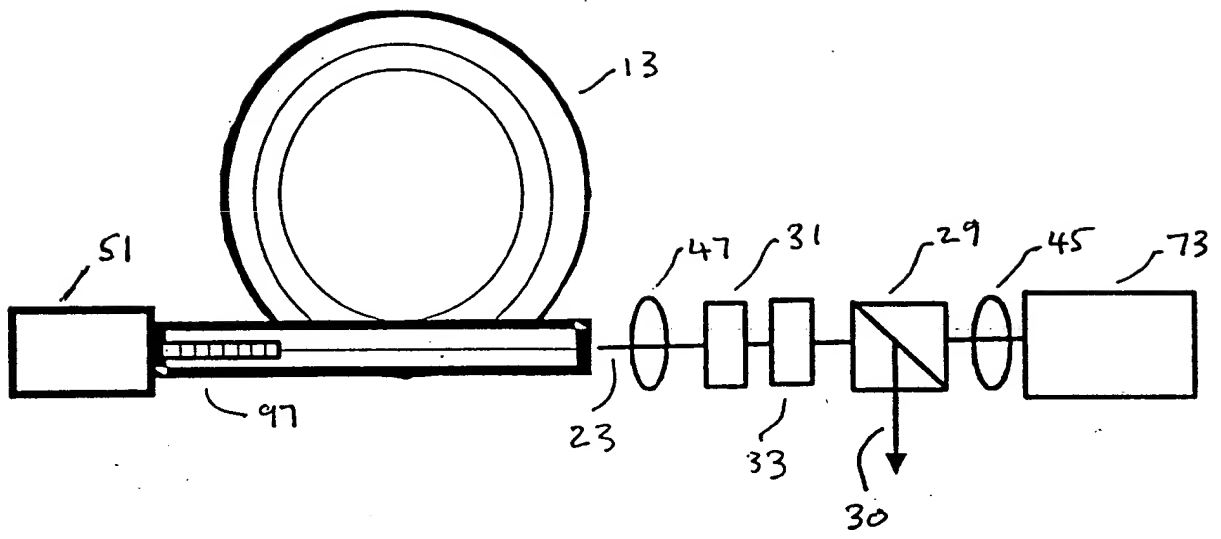


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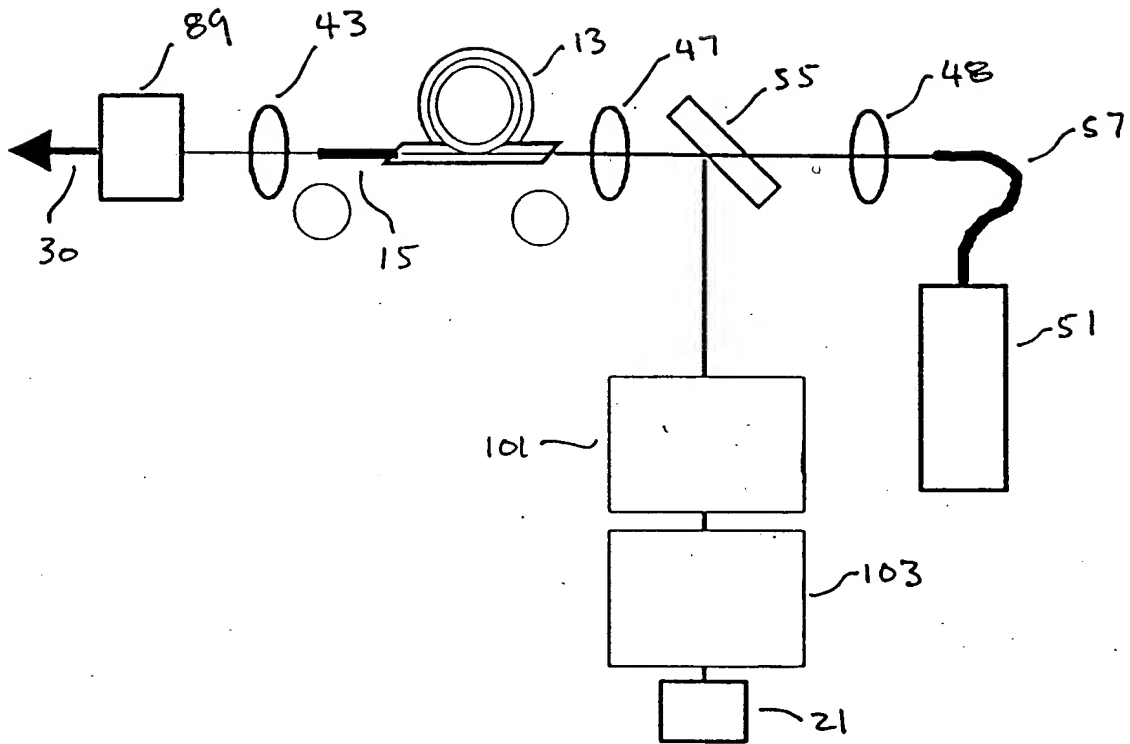


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